

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 92 – SB 487

March 8, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a court to terminate a parent or guardian's rights if that parent is convicted of attempted first degree or second degree murder or attempted voluntary manslaughter of the child's other parent or legal guardian.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Under current law, Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-1-113(g)(7), a parent or guardian's parental rights are terminated if they are convicted of or found civilly liable for the intentional and wrongful death of the child's other parent or legal guardian.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Children's Services (DCS), the proposed legislation would give the DCS another ground upon which to terminate a parent's rights. This could potentially increase the number of terminations of parental rights procedures; however, any increase can be handled within existing resources without an additional appropriation or reduced reversion.
- A small increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes, and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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